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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: REFUSE PLANT

REF: STATE 110932

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED MEXICO CITY REFUSE PLANT PROJECT REPORTED REFTEL WITH DEPARTAMENTO DEL DISTRITO FEDERAL (DDF - DEPARTMENT OF THE FEDERAL DISTRICT) OFFICIALS IN CHARGE OF SOLID WASTE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL, WHO PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

2. MEXICO CITY (OR FEDERAL DISTRICT) CURRENTLY GENERATES APPROXIMATELY 6,000 TONS OF REFUSE DAILY, ONLY 500 TONS OF WHICH ARE PROCESSED, WITH REMAINDER BEING USED FOR LANDFILL. MEXICO CITY HAS ONLY ONE REFUSE PROCESSING PLANT, WITH DAILY CAPACITY OF 500 TONS. DDF AUTHORITIES STUDYING EXPANDING CAPACITY THIS PLANT BY ADDITIONAL 250 TONS DAILY. IN ADDITION, AUTHORITIES STUDYING INSTALLING FOUR ADDITIONAL REFUSE PROCESSING PLANTS; TWO OF 1,000 TONS DAILY CAPACITY; AND ONE EACH OF 1,200 TONS AND 500 TONS. PLANTS WOULD BE OF COMPOST TYPE, SINCE MEXICO CITY REFUSE RICH IN ORGANIC MATERIALS.

3. FEASIBILITY STUDIES BEING CONDUCTED BY DDF'S DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF URBAN SERVICES. DDF OFFICIALS UNCLASSIFIED

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ESTIMATED OVERALL PROJECT MIGHT COST 750 MILLION PESOS (APPROX. US DOLLARS 33.3 MILLION), BUT WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE TIMETABLE FOR COMPLETION OF STUDIES AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL PLANTS. AVAILABILITY OF FINANCING FOR ADDITIONAL PLANTS APPEARS TO BE A BIG QUESTION MARK AT THIS POINT. HOWEVER, DDF OFFICIALS WERE HOPEFUL THAT FINANCING MIGHT BE FOUND AND ADDITIONAL REFUSE

PROCESSING PLANTS CONSTRUCTED DURING CURRENT SIX-YEAR
FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION WHICH BEGAN LAST DECEMBER.

4. DDF OFFICIALS STATED THAT ITALIAN, GERMAN, JAPANESE
AND SPANISH COMPANIES INTERESTED IN PROVIDING IMPORTED
EQUIPMENT COMPONENT FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL REFUSE PLANTS
NOW UNDER STUDY. OF THESE, ITALIAN FIRM
S.O.R.A.IM. CECINI OF ROME APPEARS TO HAVE MADE MOST
INTERESTING PROPOSAL. ACCORDING TO DDF OFFICIALS,
ITALIANS HAVE PROPOSED FINANCING, INSTALLING AND OPERATING
ONE PILOT PLANT OF 1,000 TON DAILY CAPACITY IN RETURN
FOR CONCESSION TO SELL PROCESSED OUTPUT OF PLANT (WASTE
PAPER, SCRAP METAL, GLASS, FERTILIZER, ETC.). DDF OF-
FICIALS ESTIMATED INVESTMENT INVOLVED IN PROPOSED ITALIAN
PLANT AT BETWEEN 70 AND 80 MILLION MEXICAN PESOS (AP-
PROXIMATELY US DOLLARS 3.1 TO 3.6 MILLION).

THEY SAID

ITALIAN COMPANY HAD INSTALLED THREE REFUSE PROCESSING
PLANTS IN ROME, AND TWO IN LATIN AMERICA, INCLUDING ONE
IN SAO PAULO, BRAZIL.

5. DDF OFFICIALS ALSO SAID THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN
HEARING FROM ANY US MANUFACTURERS OF COMPOST-TYPE REFUSE
PROCESSING PLANTS OF SCALE UNDER STUDY, AND THAT THEY
WOULD BE HAPPY TO
SUPPLY US MANUFACTURERS WITH FURTHER
DETAILS AND INFORMATION ON REQUEST. ANY SUCH INQUIRIES,
PREFERABLY IN SPANISH, SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO: ING.
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